

## SUSTAINABILITY GOAL #3

Improve communications  
to foster  
understanding  
and attain a  
"Community of One".

# COMMUNITY OF ONE



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A child enjoys building a  
bird feeder at Eggsperience.

### Where the goal fits in the Fort Carson Strategic Action Plan

- Goal #1 Promote mutual respect, professional development, personal growth and teamwork, while celebrating success.
- Goal #2 Provide the services and support that contribute to mission readiness.
- Goal #3 Positively contribute to the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of the Mountain Post Community and create opportunities to enhance understanding of Fort Carson for our local neighbors.
- Goal #4 Provide vibrant, healthy, safe and environmentally-friendly places and spaces and Hometown services for the Mountain Post.
- Goal #5 Transform Fort Carson people, processes, products, places and profits – to show by our actions what sustainability and environmental management is, and its critical role in meeting the mission in all its dimensions by 2027.

To improve communications with the surrounding community, Fort Carson hosted a Sustaining Community Well-being through Communication and Partnerships Workshop during the 2007 Fort Carson Community Sustainability Conference and Expo October 30, 2007 in Colorado Springs.

Army Community Services (ACS) initiated "Army 101" classes in January 2008 inviting community members (and new military spouses) to give them a better understanding of the Army life and the needs of Soldiers and families.

The National Amputee Golf Association held a one-day seminar for people interested in helping athletes who are also amputees learn how to play the game with their particular physical condition at Fort Carson's Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course in July. The group's goal was to help Soldiers who are amputees continue to enjoy the game of golf once they return from defending the nation.

Resiliency Workshops targeted toward assisting specific groups and their needs were implemented by ACS this year. The first workshop in June 2008 was for spouses of deployed Soldiers and focused on mind-body-spirit care. A Resiliency Workshop held in September designed for Female Soldiers illustrated the role of resiliency in overcoming the unique challenges faced by Female Soldiers.

MG Mark Graham, Commanding General, Division West, First Army and Fort Carson, responding to community feedback, stood up a Warrior Family Community Partnership facility in October 2008. The new facility is a clearing house for community members to come on the Installation and find information on how to support Soldiers and their families. It is also intended to provide a centralized location for Soldiers and families to get information about services on and off the installation, including how to register their children in daycare, etc.



Fort Carson's ongoing priority is caring for Soldiers and families.

The Fort Carson's Directorate of Family Morale Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) hosted several special events open to the public this year including the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show, the 4th on the 3rd Independence Day Celebration and Eggsperience, a family-oriented event with egg hunts, and family-friendly activities and games.

The Fort Carson Public Affairs Office hosted 135 media events, fielded approximately 560 media queries and coordinated units participating in 266 community events in the last year.

Beginning in 2006, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) has received funding from the Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Economic Adjustment to prepare the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan. This comprehensive community planning effort will address the impacts of rapid growth at Fort Carson on surrounding communities in order to anticipate the effects of this growth, manage resources and coordinate regional services in an efficient and effective manner.

Phase 1 of the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan, adopted in July 2008, assessed 12 resource areas affected by Installation growth. Phase 2 of the Plan, to be completed by the end of 2009, will provide further research and analysis regarding the key issues identified in Phase 1. This process will continue PPACG's partnership with Fort Carson, local jurisdictions and community and business leaders to meet the needs of Fort Carson Soldiers and families, as well as the community, to ensure quality of life in the region is maintained and enhanced as Fort Carson grows.

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## FUTURE GOAL 3 INITIATIVES:

- Hosting a Community Open House in 2009.
- Continue hosting tours of Fort Carson and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) for community leaders and legislators.
- Continue to support and foster a sense of community through outreach events on and off the Installation.

## OPPORTUNITIES:

- Engaging and addressing the negative publicity that comes from a prolonged war.
- Finding ways to participate in community events despite the shortage of Soldiers available at to support community event requests.